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## **State Adds 233,100 Jobs – Most in the Nation California Attracting Major Job Creation Projects**

**SACRAMENTO** – The Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development today announced that California is the number one state for job growth and new companies are choosing to relocate, invest and expand in the Golden State.

According to the California Employment Development Department:

- California added 233,100 in the last year, more than any other state in the U.S.
- In just the last four months, California has created 104,500 jobs.
- In the last six months, 1 out of every 6 jobs created in the U.S., was created in California.
- California's 1.7 percent job growth over the last year has significantly outpaced the national average (1.2 percent).

### **Creating New Jobs**

The Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development helps attract new companies and expand existing businesses by providing site selection, permit streamlining, clearing of regulatory hurdles, assistance with state government and more. Project examples include:

#### **Altec – Dixon, CA**

In June, Alabama-based Altec broke ground on their first West Coast manufacturing facility, which will create 150 new high-skilled jobs in 2012. Altec plans to use the 42,000 sq. ft facility to expand development and production of its Green Fleet utility trucks using electric, hybrid and compressed natural gas technology.

"Altec is genuinely excited about expanding our capabilities and presence in California with our green-focused manufacturing facility," said Lee Styslinger III, Altec's Chairman and CEO. "We have found California to be an excellent environment for hiring quality people with a solid work ethic along with appropriate skills and experience. In addition, Governor Brown and his team have provided outstanding guidance and support for our expansion initiative. Altec is committed to helping rebuild a strong manufacturing base in the U.S., and our green-focused facility in California is a reflection of that commitment."

#### **Blu Homes – Vallejo, CA**

In October, Massachusetts-based Blu Homes relocated its headquarters and manufacturing operation to California in order to expand production of their modular "green" home. The

company has already hired 59 people from the area and plans to hire a total of 160 employees by the end of 2012.

"As the West Coast market for our precision-built homes grew over the past few years, it became obvious we needed to expand our manufacturing capabilities to the Western US in order to serve our customers in the best possible way," said Bill Haney, co-founder and president of Blu Homes. "Originally, we considered Nevada, but quickly realized that California--the Bay Area specifically--was a far better fit for our technology-driven manufacturing business. The proximity to Silicon Valley talent combined with the industrial strength of communities like Vallejo is a unique combination that we couldn't have found anywhere else."

### **Soitec – San Diego, CA**

In December, Soitec opened a solar panel manufacturing facility in the San Diego area which will employ 450 high skilled Californians. Soitec currently produces more than 80 percent of the world's Silicon-On-Insulator wafers for high-performance microprocessors.

"Having already announced our solar projects contracted with San Diego Gas & Electric, it makes perfect sense for Soitec to launch our U.S. manufacturing operations here," said André Jacques Auberton-Hervé, president, CEO and chairman of Soitec. "With strong support from the mayor and the City of San Diego, we look forward to taking part in the local economy amid the area's large pool of trained and educated high-tech employees, the vibrant business community and the strong cluster of renewable-energy companies. We want to help California meet its Renewable Portfolio Standard, which calls for a third of the state's utility-scale energy production to be generated by renewable sources by 2020."

### **Zollner – Milpitas, CA**

In December, Zollner Electronics opened its first West Coast manufacturing facility which will employ 300 people by the end of 2012. The \$17 million facility will expand Zollner's production capacity of high-quality electronic components.

"The expansion initiative into California was part of Zollner's strategy to support our global customers in North America." Markus Aschenbrenner, CEO of Zollner Electronics. "We considered several key regions throughout the U.S.; however, California and more specifically the Silicon Valley was the logical choice. The organization is excited at the growth potential for our site in California."

*The Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development (GO-Biz) was created by Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr. earlier this year and serves as California's single point of contact for economic development and job creation efforts. GO-Biz offers a range of services to business owners including: attraction, retention and expansion services, site selection, permit streamlining, clearing of regulatory hurdles, small business assistance, international trade development, assistance with state government, and much more. For more information, visit [www.business.ca.gov](http://www.business.ca.gov).*

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